# **FISCAL NOTE**

#### SB 556 - HB 1116

March 30, 2005

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Redefines victim for the purpose of sexual offenses to include defendant's spouse; deletes separate offense of spousal rape and spousal sexual battery.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

# Increase State Expenditures - \$107,400/Incarceration\*

#### Assumption:

• Two convictions every three years will be elevated from Class C felony for spousal rape to Class A felony for aggravated rape.

\*Section 9-4-210, TCA, requires that: For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law. The amount appropriated from recurring revenues shall be based upon the highest cost of the next 10 years, beginning with the year the additional sentence to be served impacts the correctional facilities population.

#### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director